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1. DAGENS NYHETER EDITORIAL MAY 31:
2. "AS THE FOREMOST SPOKESMAN OF THE US PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER DID NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION DURING HIS FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE THAT THE THREAT FROM THE EAST WAS HIGH GREATEST HEAD-ACHE...THE PRESIDENT'S OBLIGATING WORDS ON DISARMAMENT AND HIS ATTEMPTS TO SPEED UP THE SALT TALKS ALSO SEEMED TO CONFIRM THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW THAT THE US HAD MORE REASON TO BE WORRIED OVER THE ARMS RACE AS SUCH THAN OVER THE GREAT SOVIET MILITARY INVESTMENTS. BUT ONE IS PROBABLY MISTAKEN IF ONE BELIEVES THAT THE NEW ALARMING TONE IS SET ONLY BY THE AUDIENCE. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION IS NOW CONSIDERING A TOUGHER LINE AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION...THE SOVIET RESPONSE HAS SO FAR GENERALLY BEEN LOW-KEY...WHAT IS WORRYING, ON THE OTHER

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HAND, IS THAT THE SOVIET UNION SEEMS TO BE INTENT ON CONTINUING ITS IRRESPONSIBLE MILITARY POLICIES IN AFRICA.... IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS FULL AGREEMENT WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION IN SUPPORT OF CARTER'S TOUGHTER ATTITUDE AT THE NATO MEETING. BUT ALREADY THE SPECULATIONS ON A REAL CHANGE IN MOOD MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF UNFORTUNATE DEADLOCKS...AGAINST A SOVIET UNION WHICH WITHOUT REFLECTION

OR CONSIDERATION FOR PEACE IS ARMING ITSELF AND REACHING FOR  
A NEW GLOBAL POWER ROLE, STANDS A US WHICH CANNOT LET GO ITS  
FIXATION ON ITS OLD GLOBAL ROLE. THEY ARE A WORRYING PAIR  
OF OPPONENTS IN A DIFFICULT TIME FOR DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT."  
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